



## **Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Reimbursement Program**

### **Program Description:**

The City of Ankeny has budgeted \$15,000 for a stormwater BMP cost-share program. This program is an innovative approach to help control water quality impacts that are caused by stormwater runoff. The goal of this program is to encourage individual landowners and businesses to incorporate stormwater BMPs on their property to aid in the improvement of water quality. Some BMPs include rain gardens/bioretention cells, rain barrels, pervious pavement systems, soil quality restoration, and native planting buffers/swales. The program is intended to help offset the cost of materials and/or contractor labor to install such practices. Funding is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Property owners are encouraged to collaborate with neighboring property owners to complete neighborhood stormwater management projects.

### **Instructions:**

1. Complete the application. Attach a map, project description, scientific names of all native plants, project schedule, and the cost summary which should include any estimates or quotes.
2. Submit the application to the following mailing or email address:  
**City of Ankeny**  
**Public Works Department, Attn: Carla Moore**  
**1210 NW Prairie Ridge Drive**  
**Ankeny, IA 50023**  
**[cmoore@ankenyiowa.gov](mailto:cmoore@ankenyiowa.gov)**
3. The City will review the submitted application and will contact the resident regarding the status of the application.
4. After application approval, contact the City PRIOR to starting the project or purchasing materials.
5. Contact the City for an inspection of the completed project.
6. Submit final detailed receipts for approval and payment. Projects are typically reimbursed within 30 days of submittal.

### **Conditions:**

- Rain barrels are eligible for a 50% match up to a maximum reimbursement of \$75. Other BMP practices are eligible for a 50% match up to a maximum reimbursement of \$1800 per land owner or business. Applicants may utilize this program in multiple fiscal years for various BMP projects, with the exception of rain barrels which are available one time only & only one per address.
- Funding is available to applicants on a first come basis. City approval is required PRIOR to any work occurring. Projects constructed without City approval will not be reimbursed.
- Stormwater Best Management Practices shall meet the design criteria in the Iowa Storm Water Management Manual
- The applicant is responsible for all project costs. The City of Ankeny will provide reimbursement after costs are incurred. After submitting all final costs, receipts and any other required information, the City of Ankeny will reimburse the applicant within approximately 30 days for eligible expenses. The project must be completed and receipts submitted to the City by May 31, 2022.
- The City of Ankeny will require access to your property for evaluation of the project prior to construction, during construction, and during the final inspection of the project.
- Implementation of an approved project is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The City of Ankeny is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
- Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City of Ankeny.
- The funded practice must be maintained for a minimum period of three (3) years. All maintenance costs are the responsibility of the property owner.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all applicable permits. The application approval does not constitute a permit. Notify Iowa One Call (811) before beginning ground disturbing construction.

## Helpful Websites and Links

There are many helpful websites on the internet. Here are a few sites and other links that can be useful as you begin. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but gives you a good place to get started.

### General Information Sites

[www.rainscapingiowa.org](http://www.rainscapingiowa.org)

[www.polk-swcd.org](http://www.polk-swcd.org)

### Soil Quality Restoration

<https://iowastormwater.org/rainscaping/rainscapes/soil-quality-restoration/>

### Rain Gardens/Iowa Rain Garden Manual

<https://iowastormwater.org/rainscaping/rainscapes/rain-gardens/>

<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/press/pdfs/RainGardenManual.pdf>

### Native Landscaping

[www.bluethumb.org/plants/](http://www.bluethumb.org/plants/)

<http://www.iowalivingroadway.com/NativePlants.aspx>

[www.ionxchange.com](http://www.ionxchange.com)

[www.prairiemoon.com](http://www.prairiemoon.com)

<https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov>

### Rain Barrels

<https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/rain-barrels>

[www.rainbarrelsiowa.com](http://www.rainbarrelsiowa.com)

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Above 2 pictures: Soil Quality Restoration & Sneezeweed, a plant native to Iowa



Above 2 pictures: Permeable Paver Driveway & Residential Rain Garden